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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**MONTHLY UPDATE REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NOTIFICATION
PROTOCOL WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD**

This letter serves as the monthly update in response to the Board Motion regarding the establishment of a proposed notification protocol with Union Pacific Railroad (requested at the meeting of July 8, 2003, by Supervisor Molina, Syn. #45).

On September 10, 2003, a protocol was drafted covering notifications from the Union Pacific Railroad Command and Control Center relative to track control within Los Angeles County. This procedure was written to coordinate response by law enforcement and fire department agencies to a moving train incident traveling through the County of Los Angeles.

The directive was sent to Union Pacific Railroad Management for review and refinement as well as surety of coordination and contact procedures. The procedure was tested in the month of September when a loose rail car was detected on an active line near the City of Commerce. The procedure was able to address the needs of Los Angeles County emergency responders as well as meet the informational needs of Command and Control for Union Pacific. The communication and coordination units from the Union Pacific Management, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Fire Department have given their verbal approval for this protocol. This protocol shall be in effect when all parties have affixed an approving signature by the agency representatives.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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